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SUBJECT: ASPEN INSTITUTE EAST/WEST JOURNALISTS' SEMINAR ON CSCE

1. BERLIN BRANCH OF NEW YORK-BASED ASPEN INSTITUTE HELD
EAST-WEST SEMINAR OF JOURNALISTS ON SUBJECT OF CSCE FROM

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OCTOBER 18 TO 21. ALL EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES EXCEPT

CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA WERE REPRESENTED. WESTERN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED DAVY OF LONDON TIMES, OSNOS OF WASHINGTON POST, AND TATU OF LE MONDE. INSITTUTE IS PREPARING 35-PAGE SUMMARY OF MEETING WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE READY NEXT WEEK FOR POUCHING ADDRESSEES. IN THE MEANTIME, WE OBTAINED HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING FROM PARTICIPANTS AMONG WHOM OSNOS AND DAVY HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN BERLIN-DATELINED STORIES WITH MORE STORIES EXPECTED FROM MURRAY SEEGER OF LOS ANGELES TIMES, COUNTLESS DOENHOFF OF DIE ZEIT, PAOLO GARIMBERTI OF LA STAMPA, AND GDR'S HEINER WINKLER PROBABLY WTRITING FOR GDR MAGAZINE HORIZONT.

2. SEMINAR WAS BRISK GIVE-AND-TAKE ON CSCE ISSUES. EASTERN PARTICIPANTS STRESSED TO A MAN THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE AND THAT CSCE HAD BEEN GREAT SUCCESS. WESTERN PARTICIPANTS REJECTED, OFTEN IN SHARP LANGUAGE, EASTERN ASSERTION THAT CSCE COVERS ONLY EUROPE AND THEREFORE SOVIET CONDUCT IN ANGOLA, ETC. IS IRRELEVANT. WESTERN PARTICIPANTS REPEATEDLY CHARGED THE SOVIET UNION WITH MASSIVE ARMS BUILDUP CONTRARY TO CSCE SPIRIT AND RECEIVED BLAND DENIALS FROM EASTERN SIDE ALONG WITH OCCASIONAL COMMENTS TO EFFECT THAT ONE CANNOT ISOLATE NUMBERS OF TANKS OR SOLDIERS FROM OVERALL MILITARY BALANCE. REASONABLY HEATED DISCUSSIONS OCCURED WHEN EASTERN PARTICIPANTS, ALWAYS READY TO CRITICIZE SOCIAL ORDER IN WEST, CLAIMED THAT CRITICISMS OF THEIR PRACTICES AMOUNTED TO INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOCIALIST BLOC COUNTRIES.

3. PRESAGING ANTICIPATED LINE IN BELGRADE, EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAMMERED ON ALLEGED WESTERN FAILURE TO LIBERALIZE VISA ISSUANCE POLICY, CITING US AND UK AS KEY OFFENDERS. EASTERN SIDE ALSO CLAIMED THAT INVITATIONS TO MILITARY MANEUVERS SENT TO BONN WHERE THE SOVIETS DID NOT HAVE MILITARY ATTACHE WERE SHAM. EASTERN SIDE ALSO PLAYED ON THEME THAT EAST ACCEPTS MORE WESTERN BOOKS, FILMS AND PRINTED MATERIAL THAN WEST ACCEPTS FROM EAST.

4. WESTERNERS REPLIED TO THESE ASSERTIONS POINTING
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OUT THAT WESTERN MARKET IS OFTEN UNINTERESTED IN SUCH CULTURAL IMPORTS FROM EAST AS CENSORS ARE PREPARED TO PERMIT. THEY NOTED THAT ONLY EAST BANS JOURNALISTS ON GROUNDS OF WHAT THEY WRITE. WESTERN SIDE ALSO RAISED FREEDOM OF IMMIGRATION ISSUE.

5. ALL PARTICIPANTS PRONOUNCED THE MEETING AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS WITH UNOFFICIAL LEADER OF EASTERN CONTINGENT, KRAMINOV

OF MOSCOW'S ZA RUBEZHOM, CALLING FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETING, PERHAPS
TO TAKE PLACE SOMEWHERE IN SOCIALIST BLOC. SEVERAL
OBSERVERS HAVE TOLD US THAT BASIC ISSUE JOINED IN FOUR
DAYS OF DISCUSSION WAS EASTERN CLAIM THAT PROCESS OF
DETENTE IS IRREVERSIBLE AS AGAINST WESTERN FEELING THAT
DETENTE WILL PROVE QUITE REVERSIBLE IF SOVIETS CONTINUE
MASSIVE ARMS BUILDUP, INTERVENTION IN THIRD WORLD AFFAIRS,
AND HARSH INTERNAL POLICIES. GEORGE

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